(c) The line at item (1) above, would be about 300 km long and will cost about Rs. 650 crs. However, a traffic survey has been taken up so that further consideration of the project becomes possible.

For items (2) to (6) above, surveys have been taken up. Further, consideration of the projects will be possible once the survey reports become available.

Enhancement of Seats at B.D.S. level in Dental/Medical Colleges

*144. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Dental/Medical Colleges whose applications for enhancement of seats at BDS level are pending with the Ministry as on date;

(b) the reasons due to which these are pending, collegewise;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite clearance by Election Commission on 23rd February, 1998, applications for enhacement of BDS seats in colleges of Karnataka have not yet been decided upon; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, collegewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) There are seven applications for increase of admission capacity at undergraduate level in Dental Colleges, pending with the Central Govt. These applications have to be disposed off under the provisions of the Dentists Amendment Act, 1993 and Regulations thereunder and the process has to be followed strictly in accordance with the Law. The names of the Colleges including one from Karnataka State and the reasons for the pendency of these applications are given in the statement below.

Name of the College	Present Status of Case
Government Dental College, Ahmedabad	The Dental Council of India has not sent its recommendation so far as required under the Dentists Amendment Act 1993 and Regulations framed thereunder. In the meanwhile, a personal hearing has been given to the Dean of the College on 29.5.1998 and further action is in progress.
Santosh Dental College, Ghaziabad	The recommendations of the Dental Council of India are awaited.
M.G. Vidya Mandir's Dental College, Nasik	The applicant College has been asked to give information as per the Qualifying Criteria stipulated in the Regulations notified under the Dentists Amendment Act, 1993.
P.M. Nadgouda Dental College, Bagalkot	The deficiencies pointed out in the report of the Inspectors of the Dental Council of India have been communicated to the applicant. This is not related to any directions of the Election Commission of India.
Tamil Nadu Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Chennai	The recommendations of the Dental Council of India, are awaited.

waste has been formulated and is under implementation.

(vi) The Government have also approved the National River Action Plan (NRAP) covering major rivers. The industries discharging their effluents into rivers and lakes are being regularly monitored by the CPCB.

(vii) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of polluting industries from congested areas. Customs and Excise Duty Exemptions are provided to the industries for pollution control/ monitoring equipment.

(viii) Ambient water quality, air quality and noise standards have also been evolved and notified.

(ix) For control of pollution from vehicles, emission norms for both petrol and diesel driven vehicles at the manufacturing stage were introduced for the first time in 1990 and made tighter in 1996. More stringent emission norms have also been notified and will come into effect from 1.4.2000.

(x) Lead free petrol has been introduced from 1.4.95 in the four metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi and Chennai for use in cars fitted with catalytic converters.

(xi) Public awareness campaigns on the effects of pollution have been launched.

दवाओं की कीमतों का नियंत्रण

*148. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में दवाओं की कीमतों को नियंत्रण में रखने के लिए सरकार ने नेशनल फार्मास्युटिकल्स प्राइसिंग अथारिटी का गठन किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अथारिटी में किन-किन व्यक्तियों को शामिल किया गया है और उनकी अर्हताएं क्या हैं जिनके आधार पर उन्हें यह उत्तरदायित्व सौंपा गया है;

(ग) क्या गत महीनों में अनेक दवाओं तथा उनके सूत्रयोगों की कीमतों में कमी अथवा वृद्धि की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसी दवाओं के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ङ) क्या कीमतों में कमी करने के फलस्वरूप उपभोक्ता क्रय मूल्य भी कम किए गए हैं, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (सरदार सुरजीत सिंह) बरनाला: (क) और (ख) जी, हां। राष्ट्रीय औषध मूल्य निर्धारण प्राधिकरण में एक अध्यक्ष हैं, जो भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा के अधिकारी हैं, वे वित्तीय प्रबंधन तथा लोक प्रशासन में एम०ए० हैं और राजकोषीय प्रबंधन में एम०एस०सी० हैं। उनके अतिरिक्त इसमें एक सदस्य सचिव हैं, जो अर्थशास्त्र में पी०एच०डी० हैं और उन्हें मूल्य निर्धारण संबंधी मामलों में व्यापक अनुभव है। वे (सदस्य सचिव) भारतीय आर्थिक सेवा के हैं। अब 12 अन्य अधिकारी जो लागत, भेषज विज्ञानों तथा अर्थशास्त्र के विशेषज्ञ हैं, प्राधिकरण की सहायता करते हैं।

(ग) और (घ) जी हां। 349 सूत्रयोग पैकों के मूल्य संशोधित किए गए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप 216 पैकों के मूल्यों में कमी हुई है और 133 पैकों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि हुई है। संगत अधिसूचनाओं की प्रतियां संसद ग्रन्थागार में उपलब्ध हैं।

(ङ) जी, हां। डी पी सी ओ, 1995 के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित मूल्यों को शासकीय राजपत्र में अधिसूचना या विनिर्माता / आयातकर्ता द्वारा आदेश की प्राप्ति के 15 दिनों के अन्दर कार्यान्वित करना होता है।

'Tatkal' reservation facility

*149. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Tatkal' reservation facility has been introduced in some classes and trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of reservation offices and railway stations providing such facility;

(c) whether some extra payment and formalities are required to be paid/ undertaken by passengers while availing of this facility;